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Re: Freedom of Information Act Tracking Number **19-01472-F**

Dear Mr. Craven,

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) dated January 3, 2019, in which you are seeking:

- All contracting materials for two companies engaged in delivery of coordination of care, Optum Public Sector Solutions, Inc. and TriWest Healthcare Alliance.

The FOIA Service received your request on January 5, 2019, and assigned it FOIA tracking number **19-01472-F**. Please refer to this number when communicating with the VA about this request.

We regret the delay you have experienced in receiving a VA response to your FOIA request. The delay is due to a shortage of FOIA staff coupled with a significant FOIA backlog, and the requirements under 38 C.F.R. 1.555 (c) to consult with the component that originated or has a substantial interest in the records involved prior to any disclosure.

The records you are seeking are not maintained in FOIA Service. The records, if they exist, are maintained at the Office of Procurement Policy Services (OPPS). Therefore, we are redirecting your request to this office for a file search and a direct response to you. If you wish to know the status of your request, please contact them directly at the following address:

Department of Veterans Affairs
OPPS, (003C3) VACO
FOIA Officer: Patricia Litewski
425 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
Email: VA_OAL_FOIA@va.gov; Phone: (202) 632-5952; Fax: (202) 343-1434

Questions regarding the status of your request should be directed to Ms. Litewski.

We appreciate your interest in the VA. If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact Jacqueline Short, of my staff at 202-632-7426.

Sincerely,

Ms. Doloras Johnson
Director, VACO FOIA Service
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